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In exclusive interview with UP yesterday afternoon, Duvieusart said that his government was resolved to permit opposition to have its say in Parliament, but that he hoped joint session would apply law of July 19, 1945 and terminate Leopold's exile either this week or next, whereupon Leopold would promptly return Belgium.

Opposition leader Spaak last night told Embassy officer that in his opinion joint session would vote King's return next week, and concurred with PRIMIN's opinion that Leopold would promptly return. What would happen next, Spaak said he did not know.

Duvieusart's UP interview states Leopold has not withdrawn his suggestion of April 15 for delegation of powers to Prince Baudoin but that King had likewise not withdrawn conditions surrounding that offer. Truth of matter is that neither King's supporters nor his opponents really know what Leopold now has in mind in respect of stepping down in favor of his son.

It now seems probable that Leopold will return to Brussels by end next week.

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